

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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"Unto Us A Child Is Born, A Son Is Given"

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

E. J. Boehmer.

The fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden made it necessary for a Savior to appear to bring us back to God. Satan was the sole cause of the fall—hence the necessity of one to "bruise the serpent's head."

Christ, in the mind of God was a lamb slain from the foundation of the world. He was present when the foundations of the earth were laid; He was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the world was. When He prepared the heavens, He was there; When He gave the seas His decree, that the waters should not pass His commandments, then was He present.

He was with the Father equal in glory, for just before He went to the cross to suffer He prayed that He might be glorified with the same glory that He had with Him (the Father) before the foundation of the world, but He was so highly honored, He was willing to come in the form of sinful flesh, take on the seed of Abraham, become the Son of man, and lead us back to God.

The promise of this Christ descended from the Garden of Eden and down through the successive generations. He is spoken of as the "I am," "Wonderful Counselor," "The Branch," "The Shepherd and the Stone of Israel," "The Governor who should come out of Bethlehem," and many other illustrious names are given to the One who was born of the Virgin Mary.

When the time had arrived that the Word should be made flesh, God so ordered that in the City of David, among the cattle, He, the King of Righteousness should be born. What a strange sight! The Creator of the earth, the possessor of Heaven and earth, born under such circumstances! This, however was God's order, and was done to fulfill the Scriptures. I am sure this was contrary to all human plans and wishes, but we do well to remember that God's ways are not man's ways, and He always knows how to strike a blow at the pride of the people.

Lords, rulers and none of the Jewish Sanhedrin were present at His birth, but we do read that few wise people, some shepherds and others gathered about the manger to see Him.

Yes, He came as a root out of dry ground, and to many He had no form nor comeliness, but others brought gold and frankincense and indeed saw in Him the one altogether fair and lovely.

Notice too that the announcement of the birth of Christ was not to leaders among the Jewish people, but to the shepherds that were keeping watch over their flocks by night. They undoubtedly were firm believers of the words of the prophets of old and were willing to accept their teachings. They had time to pray and meditate and usually when we are in that kind of an attitude the Lord will speak to us about things to come.

Next, I notice that when this wonderful message was being delivered by those heavenly messengers that fear came upon them, and why should it not when they were so honored of the Lord to be counted worthy of such a visitation as was this?

Then came the wonderful words, "UNTO YOU is born a Savior which is Christ the Lord." This corresponds with the message of the prophet Isaiah when he stood upon the mount of inspiration and said: "UNTO US a child is born, unto us a Son is given." It was all for our sake that He should so humble Himself and assume our degraded nature and place Himself where He could be touched with the feeling of our infirmity.

No wonder the heavenly host descended to announce His coming and tell the shepherds that it was "good will toward men!" I further notice that in the language of Luke He is spoken of as "Christ the Lord," and Isaiah speaks of Him as the "Mighty," the "Governor," and the "Prince of Peace." The sole purpose of His coming into this world was to benefit the

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Caesar Helps To Fulfil Prophecy

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Robert Hill.

"Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his, and if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because of righteousness." Rom. 8:10.

The text is found in the ninth verse: "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his." The eighth chapter of Romans is the great mountain peak of the whole book, and the apostle ascends its heights almost at one leap, and yet there are great mountain peaks continually unfolding themselves to every believer who reads this epistle with the Spirit's blessings to guide and point out the things which are hidden beneath the surface. No wonder the apostle exclaims "the spirit is life because of righteousness!"

In this chapter lies the secret of the Christian life and continual victory over sin. Oh Hallelujah! There is a secret in all of God's marvelous works which is revealed to none, but those who have the Spirit of Christ. There is a secret in the natural world which some men never find, while others discover and become rich, famous and wonderful. The world is doing homage to a young aviator today. Many have tried to do the seemingly impossible which this young lad did, and failed, but this youngster said "I am going to fly across the Atlantic, leaving New York City on Friday, and landing in France on Saturday." Yes, he did it, to be sure he did. And so the world acclaims him for this wonderful achievement, but thank God forever, we have a greater secret than this, the secret of

old-fashioned religion, which binds us to the very heart of God and gives us joy and satisfaction which the world can never give. No indeed the world knows nothing about the revealed religion of Jesus Christ. Oh no, bless God, it is revealed to those who have the Spirit of Christ and none other.

Men seem to think that religion is a kind of philosophy or mental delusion—something that we get in the head, but Paul got something in his heart. Yes in his very HEART, and this "something" is the very Spirit of CHRIST. Yes, the very nature of God. He swept across the ages and turned loose the dynamite of God and plowed a furrow so deep that time, culture, intellectualism, science nor education has ever covered up; and today we who are happy under the Spirit's blessings are learning more about the victories of Paul than in the ages when he accomplished.

No man has made progress in this world who has not done so at a sacrifice and if we touch God and bring things to pass we do so at a great sacrifice. We must have the sacrificial spirit which divests us of everything, but God and destroys everything that

There was no Room in the Inn for the Son of God

F. J. Lee.

Augustus sat upon the throne of the Roman Empire and could as it were, touch a button and move the whole civilized world at his command. One of his special edicts was that all the world should be taxed. This move of course affected Palestine. The whole country was set in motion. The people from every part of the country were wending their way toward their native home for the purpose of registering preparatory for the great taxation.

Now let us in our imagination run to the home of just an ordinary carpenter who had stopped his mechanical affairs the day before in order that he be not hindered in starting on a very important journey the next day. Next morning Joseph and his young wife were up very early, had the cow milked and the chickens fed and were soon ready to go. Now they started toward Bethlehem a distance of about one hundred miles. They had not the grand privileges as most of the people of today, a nice paved road on which they could in a few hours land at the little city by means of an automobile. But doubtless they went the entire journey on foot. They with many of their friends day by day moved along the long dusty road until at last they climbed the rocky ascent that led to the gate of the town. On arriving they found the place crowded. There was no friendly home open to welcome these worthy visitors. Joseph doubtless was terrified with anxiety because of his companion, she being well-nigh dead with fatigue, was willing to settle down most anywhere. It appears that they chose for their lodg-

ing a corner of the inn-yard perhaps a place occupied by beasts of the numerous travelers. There, that very night, she brought forth her first-born Son and because of no womanly hand to aid her, she wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger.

The morning came, the noise and bustle broke out again in the little town of Bethlehem; the registration proceeded, but very few at first knew that the greatest event in the history of the world had taken place. Joseph and Mary alone knew the tremendous secret that the peasant maiden and carpenter's bride should be the mother of Him who was the Messiah of her race, the Savior of the world and the Son of God.

Augustus did not know that he was preparing to have prophecy fulfilled. It had been foretold in ancient prophecy that He should be born on this very spot. God overrules the purposes of rulers and statesmen for the accomplishment of His designs.

While the world was unconscious of the great event, all heaven was interested. A heavenly host came to announce to the shepherds that something extraordinary had taken place. They did not appear to the kings and statesmen of earth to make this announcement but to the poor, humble shepherds who watched their flocks, perhaps in the very fields in which David in his child-hood days had cared for his flocks, or perhaps the very fields where Boaz and Ruth wedded.

The shepherds noised abroad the things that had happened and soon

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PERSUASION OF BETTER THINGS

FORMING NEW RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

But, beloved we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation.—Heb. 6:9.

This is a text for the present day. It gives us the backward look and the forward focus at New Year. Human desire to retrieve and improve is uppermost at this season. There is pull in the words, "We are persuaded better things of you." They call to us from the heights; they are so warm and personal. Like a mother's love notes to a truant son; like a father's melting accents to a boy inclining toward wariness; like the tones of a friend whose confidence we had almost betrayed—they strike deep. As a "rush" to the spot, this barbed shaft "better things of you" calls in the vagrant powers to soul-center, and impels us to inquire, Soul of mine, I call you to witness this day is it true? New Year's Day is witness day. The old saints and servants of God in their journeyings, when they reached a milestone or turning point stood by to erect an altar, and thereupon thanking God and taking courage, they vowed vows of new meaning and went forward. Bethel, Peniel and Ebenezer were very very real to them and therefore stood as witnesses through all subsequent endeavors. They were points by the way of new and more noble departure, life was different afterward, altered in direction or in quality, or in both.

There was an association of events with place. So is ours, only we have in addition another association, one which is coming more and more to be an altar of common witness with humanity—the association of time with events.

Thus days, many days, are memorial days with us, and days of convocation. A month these is New Year's Day, the milestone of the year's flight; long marked and observed to be sure, by generations before, but now come to be with us the day for an invoice of life for individual stock-taking of character.

It is the time when we review the past hopefully scan the future and seriously, mercilessly, scrutinize the present with the vim to forsaking the baser levels of life, lifting our ideals and improving our conduct and character.

Thus may the day become hallowed to an honest inventory of self qualities and to vows, of self-

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very soul of the believer.

Oh Glory! this is the spirit that casts the devil out and brings Jesus in and enthrones Him in the heart

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LORD BLESSING OLNEY, ILLINOIS

OLNEY, Ill.—We wish to sound a note of praise through the columns of the Evangel to our Redeemer for the way He has been blessing the saints here in Olney. God wonderfully opened the way for a revival in Noble, Illinois, a small town eight miles west of Olney. Services were begun in a home and interest was manifested from the first service. The first week one received the Holy Ghost. The devil got mad and the people were stirred as never before. After two weeks in this home it was necessary to rent a hall in order to accommodate the crowds and get the Gospel of holiness to the public. The battle lasted in the hall for five weeks, and at the close of the meeting on Sunday night, November 20th we found from our records that there had been six saved, three sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost and one reclaimed.

The people of Noble, after hearing holiness preached, have become so interested and hungry for the blessing that they are planning on renting the hall again for regular services and organizing a Sunday School. Our pastor, Brother Graham Oglesby of Olney did the preaching and as he would bring the Bible truths out, the Lord blessed and many of the people acknowledged it was right. One sister who had been nearly blind came for prayer; the Lord touched her eyes so that now she can read her Bible. She says the last few weeks have been the best of her life and she is depending wholly on the Lord for complete healing.

There are some of the finest folks in Noble that we have ever met, and they certainly are hungry for the Church of God. Nothing else will do. During the five weeks meeting in the hall they responded liberally with their finance, the offering being \$53.27, also gave Brother and Sister Oglesby, a nice grocery shower. We are expecting to go back again soon for services and are longing to see much grain reaped for the Church of God. Remember to pray for these good people that they may yield their lives to God.

We wish to add a few lines in behalf of the work here in Olney. As we have had no permanent place for worship for three years God has blessed us inasmuch that we have our new church building almost completed and are expecting to begin a revival the first of the year. D. V. We very much desire the prayers of the saints everywhere that the little church in Olney will be a real soul-saving station. Our pastor has certainly proven himself a true shepherd and has labored so faithfully for the past two years that we feel that we would not do him justice not to mention his labor, among us here. We are expecting the Lord to reward his services here with a great ingathering of souls and see the Church of God rise and shine in Olney.

We have a little band in Olney Who love the Church of God. Its doctrine and precepts For 'tis the Word of God.

We love our loyal pastor And his companion too; For they have proven true helpers In telling us what to do.

We have had some hard trials And some discouragements too; But that just kept us striving Our Father's will to do.

We had no place of worship, Only in our homes you see; But we prayed and kept on working And God gave the victory.

We started a building fund Which at first seemed quite small; But we believed what Jesus said When on His name we'd call.

That whatsoever we would ask In faith believing, He would give And would keep His promises to all That would abide in His will.

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Laud His Name

By Mrs. Vianna Daniel.

CHRIST'S birth we find, was on this wise: located in a manger lowly It was on this day God's Word was fulfilled by sending His Son so holy. Not in a beautiful palace were they, not even room in the inn was found; But in this humble little place was born, the Saviour the blessed LAM

HIS light shone out across the way, inasmuch all Jerusalem was alarmed Wise men came thronging from the East, seeking the Child which was born. At the command of Herod their King, many men were sent forth as spies For to capture this child, JESUS, who was sent to redeem you and

REMEMBER the angel's talk with Joseph, who made known the mystery of it all And who assured him that this same JESUS should redeem man from his fall. "And he shall save his people from their sins" including the greatest sinner "His name shall be called Immanuel" Our Captain, King and great REDEEME

IN swaddling clothes this child was wrapped, and placed on a bed of hay: Though however humble the place He was born, He now reigns as King today; Reigning and ruling the Universe entire—He sits on the Judgment seat, Soon His redeemed ones will go marching in—His coming we soon shall "GREE

HEPHERDS who were watching their flock by night, became greatly alarmed, Also the wise men who came from the East feared to do the child any harm; But presented unto Him of their treasures rare: Silver, Gold and Pearls. Yes, they even fell and worshipped Him, leaving their frankincense and MYRR

THEN Herod . . . was exceeding wroth and commanded many children slain, But Joseph and Mary quickly departed, in order their little one to retain. When, finally Herod, the King was dead, the angel bade Joseph and Mary return However to Israel they did not go, but went accordingly as they'd been WARNE

'T WAS something over nineteen hundred years, since this great event occurred And on this day every heart is glad, everywhere glad tidings are being hurled. Today His name is lauded far and near, o'er every land, yea and on sea We celebrate this, the birthday of He who was born, near Bethlehem of JUDE

SO many hearts on this day are made glad, because of His presence and power We're made to wonder what we would do, were it not for this SAVIOR of ours, Who made His appearance into this world of sin; died, arose and went away And who fills our hearts with gladness and cheer on this glad Christmas DA

stands between us and God. I know just as assuredly as I am writing this evening that if God has the opportunity and if men want to know Him, the same truth that is revealed here will set on fire in the HEARTS of the people until it would spread to the ends of the earth. Now, by that, I do not mean a constant noise, but it does mean the "SUPERNATURAL" in our lives. If we have the Spirit of Christ we are a supernatural person to the unbeliever at least, and God will produce the supernatural in the

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To all the Churches: "Greetings."

We wish to extend to everyone individually a very "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

We also wish to thank you for the way in which you have cooperated with us during the past year in making the business a success. May God's richest blessings be upon everyone in my prayer.

E. J. Boehmer, the General Secretary and Treasurer is spending the holidays with his relatives in Mo. To those who may be expecting correspondence etc. from him will understand that on account of his absence from the office he will be unable to answer until after the holidays.

The Minutes have been delayed a little on account of the rush of the Sunday School Literature etc., but we will be able to mail them out in a very few days.

In the vaulted skies of glory,
Long before earth's ancient morn;
There began this Christmas story,
Christ was given to be born.

In the garden, in the gloaming,
God stepped forth with stately mien;
Man had sinned, his God dethroning,
Then, the Christmas star was seen.

Through long ages, slowly weaving,
While the Christmas dawn delayed;
Men, with anxious sighs upheaving,
Longed to see the Christ, and prayed.

Mid the hills, their vigil keeping,
Shepherds heard the angel say—
"Unto you good news I'm bringing,
Christ is born; 'tis Christmas Day."

O my soul, be hushed, and wonder,
In a manger, on the hay,
Mid the cattle, and the plunder,
Christ, the Christmas Child, doth lay.

Centuries have passed, fast flying,
Since the infant Christ was born;
What now mean the shouts, the crying,
Heralding this Christmas morn?

How the world, with joy bells ringing,
Praise the Babe of long ago;
Christmas revelry and singing,
Fill the air, dispelling woe.

Not that all who join the singing;
Do within their hearts believe;
Yet, the world is homage bringing
To the Christ, this Christmas Eve.

All men know that Christ is living,
Not a Christmas Babe is He;
To the Son of God, we're giving
Honor, praise, and majesty.

He, who came as babe, is dwelling
Now above all power and might;
While the world His praise is swelling,
On this happy Christmas night.

—Selected.

STANDING FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I truly thank God that today finds me saved from sin. I can feel the love of God in my soul. I am sanctified wholly through the blood of Jesus Christ and a member of the Church of God for which I stand. I love this good way. I ask all to pray for me that God may get glory out of my life.—T. W. Wimberly.

PERSUASION OF BETTER THINGS

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en-noblement; particularly if its witness be in the fear of God in the light of His truth and in the power of His conscious presence

New Year resolutions, under such circumstances will become a sacred altar the secret persuasions of which will devoutly carry us forward. Shall we be bold enough, earnest enough, this day to submit ourselves to the test, and be the richer for this altar's wise and oracles? Let us listen to the more temporal ones first. There is the inner witness that speaks of the year that is gone, together with many others never to be recalled in this life. Whatever may have been the indifference or levity with which we paid off the year's golden realm of days, we would hardly be so careless again. The days seem more valuable now that they are gone. Had we once more their wealth of time and opportunity at our disposal, we are sure we could turn it to better account. Their mute, but mighty appeal is "unto better things." Again that inner voice speaks the still more blanching fact of short-comings and failures.

It appears to us now that the sum total of our living up to this point has been of no account. Yes, we know that it was spoken by the supremely wise "That when ye have done all, ye should say unprofitable servants." But we did want to feel that we were accomplishing things worth while. We tried hard to do good and not evil. We were sure we could not win out completely over some foes particularly harassing. We would overcome sloth on the one hand, and impatience on the other. We would curb our too great temper here, and unloose it yonder where it was justifiable. No the many broken vows and the whole or partial reverses did not steal our hope, and we persevered and as we look back we are reassured. There was some progress made. It was "the persuasion of better things." Then, and so shall it be now as the New Year beacons.

S. W. Latimer.

CAESAR HELPS TO FULFILL PROPHECY

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there were many visitors. He later was taken to the temple where Simon and Anna worshipped Him and presented Him to the Lord. Joseph and Mary being poor could not make an elaborate service by offering a costly sacrifice but only offered two turtle doves. This reveals something of the poverty from which He sprang, but though being poor He through His death is able to make many rich.

The Greatest Gift

The Wise Men came from the East bringing their costly gifts. They didn't know where He was to be born, yet in some way they had learned that the event had taken place, it was perfectly natural that they would go to the capitol to inquire where He should be born. They doubtless felt greatly relieved when they were able to unload their rich treasures in honor to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

This doubtless has given rise to the offering of gifts of Christmas Day. We cannot offer presents direct to Jesus in a personal manner as the Wise men did, but we can bless poor, suffering humanity by helping them. I believe that it would be well to recognize every day as Christmas. While it is well to honor the birth of Jesus, but the greatest event with the individual should be when He was born in our lives.

This great Gift is offered to every one. He will bring more joy to the human heart than houses, lands, automobiles, fine clothes or any gift that the world can give.

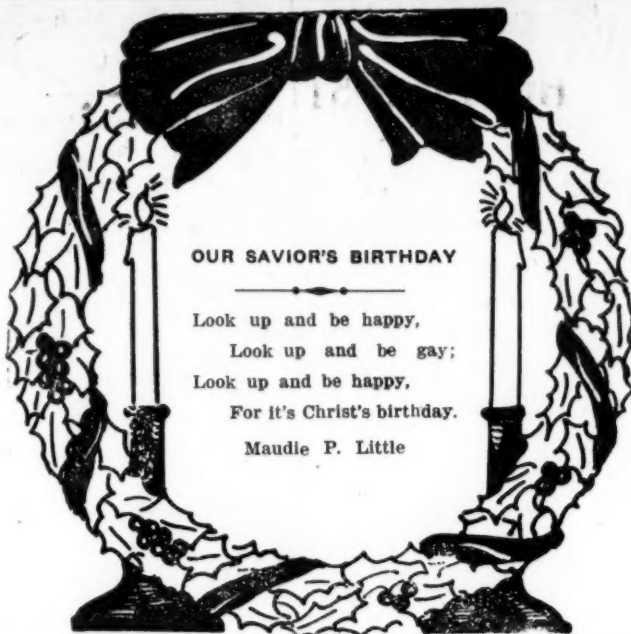
If we desire to give to Jesus, we should give to Him the things that He needs. The backslidden Jews offered many sacrifices. On important occasions they spent thousands of dollars, but their heart was not in their service, it was for an outside show.

There are many ways we can give to Jesus. First we may and should give to Him our life completely consecrated to His service.

We can give to Jesus by giving money to His cause. We can give to Him by living a consecrated life to Him before our fellow men. We can give to Him by helping others who are in special need. There are many who are down and out, so to speak, who only need some one to give them a lift. We may lift them often by kind looks, kind words or deeds.

I will give here a little story found in Topical Illustrations.

"Is your father at home?" I asked a small child on our village doctor's doorstep. "No," he said; "he's away." "Where do you think I could find him?" "Well," she said with a considering air, "you've got to look for some place where people are sick or hurt; or something like that. I don't know where he is, but he's helping somewhere." And I turned away with this little sermon ringing in my heart. If you want to find the Lord Jesus you've got to set out on a path of helping somewhere, or lifting somebody's burden, and lo! straightway



OUR SAVIOR'S BIRTHDAY

Look up and be happy,
Look up and be gay;
Look up and be happy,
For it's Christ's birthday.
Maudie P. Little

NOTICES :: SPECIALS

The fund for sending free literature is exhausted, therefore we have failed to send free Sunday School literature as at former times. We are very sorry of this for we think that furnishing the first literature to new schools is a good thing, but if there is no fund for this of course it will have to fail.

The title of Sunday School money once kept this going, but now the most of the Sunday Schools have neglected this.

I wonder who is the cause of the neglect of this wonderful cause.
F. J. Lee.

I have been informed that T. A. Sears is writing to several different churches making a pitiful plea for money, also that he is borrowing from every one that will lend to him.

We desire to state that his explanation about certain affairs on the Island of Jamaica is not satisfactory. Therefore we do not advise that the churches be taxed with supporting him.

We understand that he has not written to his wife since before the Assembly. I suppose that this will be a sufficient hint to keep the folks from spending unnecessary money.
F. J. Lee.

To the Churches of God in Tennessee:

I wish to announce that Brother E. M. Ellis, 2315 N. Chamberlin Avenue, East Chattanooga, Tennessee, has been appointed treasurer for the Mission Fund for the State of Tennessee. All the churches are expected to raise an amount equal to five percent of the amount of tithes paid by the churches for missions, and forward same to State Treasurer. Now Tennessee has been known as the "Volunteer State" so let us not have to be drafted, but let us come on with our part in every good work. I also wish to call attention to the "One Dollar Per Member Proposition" to pay the indebtedness on the church property. Every pastor and district overseer should take that matter up as early as possible and not stop until we go over the top. Now I am sure that every loyal, true blue

like unto the Son of man will be found at your side. We cannot always find Him whom our soul loveth, in worship or in ordinances or in sacraments or in still meditation; we can never find him in selfish idleness or in worldliness or in self indulgence; but, on the contrary, like the little one's father, he is sure to be found, "helping somewhere."—Kind Words.

"Give him a lift. Don't kneel in prayer, Nor moralize with his despair; The man is down, and his great need is ready help—not prayers and creed.

One grain of aid just now is more to Him than tons of saintly lore; Pray if you must in your full heart; But give him a lift—give him a start.

The world is full of good advice Of prayer and praise, and preaching nice, But the generous souls who aid mankind

Are scarce as gold and hard to find, Give like a Christian—speak in deeds, A noble life's best of creeds, And we shall wear a royal crown Who gives 'em a lift when they are down."

There is a song "Every day will be Sunday on that shore." Why not make every day Christmas on this shore? We can lighten many hearts in the run of a year, by offering some deed of kindness, a pleasant look or smile or a kind word. Then let us do what we can for the cause of humanity and thereby gain God's greatest approval.

We can show that the Son of God is born within our lives. We can herald it abroad as the Shepherds did. We can offer gifts as the wise men did. Therefore let us stir ourselves to real benevolent service for Him and thereby stir the world for God.—Amen.

member of the Church of God is interested in these things, and if we will all work together we can pay our debts. It will cause God to smile upon us, and give us favor with the world. So here we go.—H. N. Scoggins, Overseer of Tenn.

A TRIBUTE TO BROTHER HUGHES

Though a subscriber for a few years past to the Evangel I am not a member of the Church of God, but often attend services and am happy to number some prominent in the work, as close friends. Such an one is Rev. J. P. Hughes, my neighbor in this city, whose recent letter to you concerning the work etc. has been published by you.

Wish to state that Brother Hughes is highly respected here; is a preacher of ability, a real man of God, true to the courage of his convictions. It is natural to predict for him a successful career, both as pastor and evangelist.

W. L. Lawton,
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Chattanooga, Tenn.

To the ministers and churches in Ga. Greetings:

I guess you have learned that the last Assembly ruled that 50 percent of all mission money raised in each state should be kept in the state to start work in new places. I'm sure this is badly needed, so let us put forth a special effort to raise all we can and send one half to Brother Boehmer, the General Secretary and Treasurer and the other half to Brother L. H. Rickerson, 958 State St., North West Atlanta, Georgia, who has been appointed Secretary and Treasurer of Georgia. Let us do our best and I am sure the dear Lord will do something for us in Georgia during the year of 1928. He gave us 354 souls baptized with the Holy Ghost during last Assembly year. Let us ask Him for one thousand this year. I feel like He will give us that number if we will do our part. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I am, lovingly yours.—J. W. Culpepper, State Overseer of Georgia.

It Will Make You Happy to Meet God

PARRISH, Ala.—I once was a sinner, but now I have found glory to my soul. It took me a long time to find the glory way. I would like to tell sinners how to live in this life. I lost lots of my life living for the devil. I used to spend my time for the devil, but thank the Lord, I spend it for Him now.

When your children say, "Daddy (or Mother), we are going to follow you," it is time to change. I thank the Lord for being so good to me. The love of God will make you love sinners; it will make you pray for people you once hated. I am glad that He sent Brother Herring to see me when I was in sin. When he left I was living for God. It was a happy hour when I met God.—R. L. Goodwin.

BANKSTON, Ala.—I want to praise my Redeemer for His wonderful love and mercy to me. I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I want to say that the 22d Annual Assembly was the greatest I have ever attended. The whole trip was grand. We went thru Alabama City and met a lot of good people there. The Lord surely did bless us there. Brother Newman was with us and as he sang "Come Let Us Go Home," the power fell and the saints shouted and talked in tongues. We came back thru Alabama City and the Lord wonderfully blessed our souls again. There is a good crowd of young people there who have the victory.

Well, I'm going to do more for the Lord this year than ever before. Please pray for me that I will be humble and know God's will concerning me and that I will be useful in the Lord's service.—L. J. Potts.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

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human race and to show Himself a friend to sinners. He not only is the sinner's friend, but is also the one who helps His people in their struggles in this life. He has invited us to cast all our cares on Him, because He careth for us. He is our counsellor and the one to plan for us when we go through the deep waters of troubles and trials. He has gone the way before us and knows just how to direct. Sometimes the problems of life are so perplexing that we do not know what course to pursue or how to overcome, but we call on Him for counsel and He willingly looks on us and lends a helping hand.

Imagine Moses at the waters of the Red Sea with the mountains on either side and deep waters ahead. He undoubtedly felt the need of one to give counsel at such a time, and in answer to fervent prayer this great Counsellor informed him that they were His own and that He would take care of them. Thank God for such a deliverer!

We must also remember that, although He is called the Son of Man the announcement of the angel to the Virgin Mary was that He was the Great One, or the Mighty God in the language of Isaiah. All power is His, in Heaven and in earth and at His rebuke the storms of life will cease.

Lastly, we should remember that, although born in a manger, a Son of a carpenter and accused by the Pharisees of eating with Publicans and sinners, and finally His own whom He had come to save had Him nailed to the Cross, He will some day return, not as the friend of sinners or as one seeking the lost, but as King of kings and Lord of Lords. THEN INDEED He will put down all sin and will show Himself the Prince of Peace and of His Kingdom there shall be no end. Thank God for this unspeakable gift—(JESUS).

LORD BLESSING AT OLNEY, ILLINOIS

(Continued from page one)

Our church is nearing completion, And we are anxiously awaiting the time

When our pastor can shell down the Gospel And hew right down to the line.

We want this to be a soul-saving station

For souls in darkness and in sin; That many precious souls will yield their hearts To God and let Him come in.

If ever you come to Olney, Inquire for the Church of God, Where you will find a warm welcome And the sweet presence of the Lord.

So remember to pray for Olney That we all stay humble and true; And follow our blessed Redeemer And gladly His will to do.—

Hattie Utz, Clerk.

The Coming Of The Lord Is Near

ETHELVILLE, Ala.—I am still on victory side with glory in my soul. I praise the dear Lord for divine guidance and for keeping me from sin each moment. I am still trusting Him for soul and body and I am glad the Holy Ghost still abides and speaks thru me in tongues. Ever since Jesus saved my soul, took the desire for worldly pleasure out of my heart and put me on the run for glory, I have had a desire to please Him and to do what He wants me to do.

I do not have the happy privilege of attending the services very often as we live so far from a Church of God. We attend the Pentecostal meetings sometimes and they have good revivals, but we certainly do need the full Gospel preached in this community. The people seem to be so unconcerned about their souls.

It has been a pleasure to me to read the Evangel with its encouraging messages and to learn how God is setting His approval on His work, also how the Scriptures are being fulfilled. We are made to realize that the coming of the Lord is near at hand. Oh, how we should watch and pray and be ready any moment to be caught up to meet the Bridegroom. I want to be among the number and by His help I intend to keep pressing my way to mansions above where I hope to meet my dear parents, also a brother and sister who have crossed the rolling tide. I have only one brother left and I ask the saints to pray that he will be saved. I feel very lonesome sometimes, but I am looking above where there will be no sad farewells.—Your sister, Mrs. Ellen Jaynes.

Believes In Prayer

THOMASVILLE, Ala.—My twins were both real sick last night. I asked God to restore them to health at once and that I would testify in your paper and also the Apostolic Faith.

THE LORD IS MY KEEPER

RIPLEY, Tenn.—I want to thank and praise the Lord this morning for saving my soul from a life of sin, and setting my feet on the solid rock, Christ Jesus. I can feel His presence deep down in my soul this morning as I write these few words.

I thank and praise the dear Lord for His mighty healing power. I promised Him if He would heal my baby I would testify of it through the dear little Evangel, and I still thank and praise Him for healing my husband about six years ago of typhoid fever. When every thing else had failed, the Lord raised him up and put him on his feet again and he was saved also. I ask everyone who knows the worth of prayer to pray for him, also pray that our baby may be completely healed. A true believer in the Church of God.—Mrs. Bryant Beasley, Route 1.

Any pastor desiring my help in a revival, I am at your service. I play various kinds of musical instruments and sing spiritual songs—all backed by the power of God. I have a family and all that is expected is total expenses while away from home. Ready for action. Your brother for lost souls.—Gilford E. Tippins, Dunlap, Tenn.

There is no sign of their sickness today. Thanks to God's mercy. I am not a member of your church, but I do believe in prayer. Pray for me that the light will dawn on me clearer every day. Very humbly yours.—Beatrice Beagle.

State Overseers

Alabama	S. J. Heath, Boaz, Ala.
Arkansas	Jesse Danehower, Box 796, Forest City, Ark.
Arizona	C. W. Clelland, Baldwin Park, Calif.
Bahama Island	(white) S. B. Pender, Nassau, N. P. Bah.
Bahama Island	(colored) W. V. Eneas, Nassau, N. P. Bah.
California	C. W. Clelland, Baldwin Park, Calif.
Colorado	O. R. Rouse, 229 Gallisto Ave., Raton, N. Mex.
Delaware	H. W. Poteat, P. O. Box 158, Boswell, Penna.
Florida	J. A. Self, Wimauma, Fla.
Georgia	J. W. Culpepper, Lake Park, Ga.
Indiana	J. L. Goins, Christopher, Ill.
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Jamaica	
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Virginia	J. C. Jernigan, Marion, Va.
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Bible Training School

of Cleveland, Tennessee

T. S. PAYNE, Superintendent

Everyone Needs to Know the Bible

I guess some of my friends will be surprised to hear that I am going to the Bible School. I didn't know when I came to the Assembly that I would stay for the School. Someone asked me why I didn't go and I never thought much about it. Brother Payne asked me to stay, so I decided I would stay the first week, visit here, and see how I liked Bible School. I went the first week and I am still here. The Lord blesses us so good. I feel like it's good to be here.

Someone asked, "What are you going to school for? you will never be a preacher." That's true, I know I will never be a preacher, but we all need to know the Word of God and there are lots of things we can do in this big world besides preach. We have to meet with difficulties every day in the offices, shops, mills and other places of business and we need to know the Bible to confront them.

I have in mind now, many good boys and girls and I wish they could be in School. If I don't come back next year, I hope I can help someone else to come.

One thing I like so much about the School is, that the teachers take so much interest in us who don't know much. They try to make things easy for us to understand.

Every Friday afternoon we have preaching. If you could come sometime, I am sure you would enjoy it very much. We feel like we are in a camp meeting when in these services.

Everybody pray for me. I mean to go all the way with the Lord.—Genia Wiley, Atlanta, Ga.

"BIBLE SCHOOL"

The Church of God Bible School maintains a high standard and rule. All who want to do the right, are anxious to obey with delight.

We all love our good teachers. Brother Payne is a leader, Herbert Walker assists him, Does his best, and works with a vim.

Students from North, East, West And South, come to do their best. Few funny names as these: Flowers, Friend, Koon, Cupp and Inches.

Also Cole, Green and Wood are here. These with the rest, have godly fear. Fifty-eight pupils enrolled To fight the devil and be bold.

"Listen dear folk, best of all," God lets His power on "us" fall, And, my! my! how we shout, Do our best to keep Satan out.—J. R. Dodson, Box 302, Cleveland, Tenn.

Is Your Heart Right?

LEIGHTON, Ky.—I wish to praise the dear Lord once more through the columns of the Evangel. The more I know of my Savior the more I want to know. I want to say right here that it is absolutely necessary for all of God's children to have the baptism of the Holy Ghost and speak with tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. We do not want to lower the standard, but want to raise it. Before I got the blessing I thought justification was all we needed, but after I was sanctified and started reading God's Word I soon found out I was in need of the Holy Ghost. The Word says it is for you and your children and as many as the Lord God shall call, so I wanted Him to call me. When I started praying for a closer walk, sure enough He did call me, so dear reader, if you have not a Bible Holy Ghost, and you know the Holy Ghost is for God's children, then why do you not get it? Unbelief, that's all. You may say, "I am sanctified, but have not the blessing." If you should die, would you be all right? The Word says "Today is the day of salvation." He said "Tarry at Jerusalem until we be endued with power from on high." Our State Overseer is a wonderful man of God, and really believes that the little churches should be looked after. That is wonderful, surely he is in his right place, and certainly is not struck on himself either. Why I appreciate Brother Bell so much is because we need a good shepherd, for we are weak. We ask the saints to pray that we may have a good church here at Leighton.—C. B. Stevens.

MY HEART IS OVERFLOWING WITH JOY

E. AKRON, Ohio.—I want to testify for Jesus this afternoon. My heart is overflowing with joy, and I am thanking and praising our Lord for His goodness to me. I am glad that I am saved right now, sanctified with Jesus' blood and have the sweet Holy

Striving to Learn God's Word

I am glad I can report thru the Evangel that I am saved, sanctified and have the blessed Holy Ghost. I am also glad to be here attending the great Bible School. I can truly say that I enjoy it as the Lord blesses us in a wonderful way. The power comes down and we sometimes miss a lesson, but glory to God, we always let Jesus be a welcome guest in our midst. I am sure if you could only be here one time, you would say, "Surely this is the next place to Heaven."

I thank the Lord because He has permitted us to have a school where we can enjoy the blessings of the Lord along with our studies. We are all striving to learn more about God and His Word, that we may be able to go out and tell this lost world about Jesus, that they might understand and give their hearts to Him.

I ask the prayers of those who read this that I might always be strong in the Lord.—Lois McWhorter, 720 Ponders Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

A Student From Illinois

I am sounding a note of praise and thanksgiving through the dear old Evangel for the opportunity of attending this wonderful Bible School at Cleveland. The Lord surely is here and blesses our souls. Praise His name! I am certainly enjoying the School. We pray about six times a day and we surely do get happy.

I thank the Lord for my good teachers, Brother Payne and Brother Walker. They are fine for the work and seem to have so much interest in the students. There are about sixty students and nearly all are filled with the Spirit of God. You can imagine what kind of a time we have. The Lord is with us. We laugh, pray, sing and shout for our King (Jesus).

I am glad that I have started out in His vineyard to work for Him and to help bring souls into the kingdom of God. I want to be a shining light for my King and do what I can for Him, because He is coming soon. We need to do our best now, not wait until we are old, broken down, or crippled. Let's run the race now and reap the harvest while it is ripe.

Please pray for me that I might do my best for the Lord while I am young and can work. Praise the Living God. Pray for the Bible School.—Willie Goins, Christopher, Ill.

Ghost, also belong to the great Church of God.

I want to say that Jesus is still answering prayer. When He saved me, He took the desire of the world out of my heart and my whole desire now is to do something for Jesus.

I have many loved ones who are not saved, and are not enjoying this good blessing of the Lord. Ah how I would rejoice to see them all saved and come into this good way. I ask you to pray for them that they may come into this good way. I ask you to pray for them that they may come into the fold before it is too late, also pray that God will keep me humble at His feet. I know He is able to do all things and it is my desire to be true to Him regardless of the cost. I cannot do the big things, but if I can just do the little things He would have me do I will be satisfied, just so He can get glory out of my life. I want my home to be made a house of prayer, so pray for my husband that he may come into this good way. Jesus is coming soon, and I truly want to be ready to go back with Him when He comes. Don't you? A sister in Jesus.—Mable Stephens.

Reality in Salvation

BROWNFIELD, Tex.—I promised the Lord if He would heal my baby of bowel trouble, I would testify to it any way He wanted me to. Praise His name. He healed him and then he has been sick again, but is better now and I believe he will be healed. I was healed of pleurisy, also when I got salvation, or just a few minutes after, I was healed of kidney trouble. That has been almost two years ago. I praise God for it all. He has healed us many times in our home since we have been trusting and trying to serve Him.

I love this way better all the time. This is the happiest part of my life. We have all been sick, but the Lord has never failed to heal us. I want to go on and live a life which will please my Lord, and let my life be a testimony to the world around me, that sinners may know there is reality in salvation. Pray that I will ever stay in the Lord's will and be a soul winner for Him. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and filling husband, two of our children and me with the Holy Ghost and for adding us to the great Church of God. How I love this bright and shining way.—Mrs. J. G. Stucker, Route 1, Box 150.

8 RECEIVED HOLY GHOST

LEESBURG, Fla.—I want to sound a note of praise for Jesus and His Church. I praise Him for saving me from my sin, sanctifying me through His precious blood and I have the blessed Holy Ghost. We have closed a meeting at this place in which the results were good. Six were saved, one sanctified and eight received the Holy Ghost, also one person was healed who had been afflicted for fifteen years. The dear Lord is confirming His Word with signs following. We praise the Lord for Brother G. C. Sapp and Brother L. Y. James who have been in charge of the meeting. They are on fire for God. I ask your prayers that I may walk worthy of the vocation wherein I have been called. I want to be in the center of the Lord's will. I earnestly desire that the people pray for me that I, as District Evangelist may be used to His glory and honor. The Church of God at this place is on fire for God. Pray for me.—Mrs. S. B. Biggins.

This Way Is The Way To Go

W. PALM BEACH, Fla.—I am praising God for a free and full salvation thru the blood of Jesus. I thank Him for saving me one sweet Wednesday night and on Thursday evening He wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. He gave me a determination to go thru with Him.

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. I want to say, let us be ready to go. The time is not long. Pray for me that I will keep my mind on Jesus and His coming.

I thank Him for this glory land way, it is sweet to me. I also thank Him for healing me. I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse and when I received it back, I laid it on in the name of Jesus and I am healed. Pray that I will be an overcomer and stay in this highway of holiness.—Bertha M. Ballard.

Still Looking To Jesus

ARGYLE, Fla.—I feel led this morning to write a few words of thanks and praise to my blessed Savior who has done so much for me. It was through His great mercy and love we are victors over sin.

I thank Him for a way and plan of salvation that is so plain till the way-faring man, though a fool cannot err therein. I can say I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost with a determination to go all the way with Him. I promised the Lord if He would heal me of severe pains in my body, caused from cold I would testify through the Evangel of it. The pains were ceased, but I am not completely healed, as my throat and head still give me trouble, but I am looking to the Lord to heal me for I know He can and will. Please pray for me to stay humble and submissive to His will at all times and be patient and endure to the end. Pray for my unsaved husband.—Era White, Box 134.

HELP NEEDED

MILLERS LONG ISLAND, Bah.—I am on my way to Heaven with a shout of victory in my soul. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I was once a sinner far from Jesus. "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone."

Praise the Lord, I am determined to stay in this way. I thank God because I can trust Him for the healing of my body. We are out here in a needy field. The harvest is truly great but the laborers are so few. Dear reader, lift us up in your prayers, ask the Lord to give us more help that we may work for Him, for He cometh like a thief in the night and who shall abide the day of His coming? Pray that I will stay humble at the feet of Jesus.—Julia E. Miller.

SPECIAL NEWS

The premium Bibles are here. I consider that they are very valuable Bibles. They have overlapping edges also reference, concordance and self-pronouncing dictionary. They also have 4,000 questions and answers as well as several maps.

They are 1 1/4 of an inch thick, which seems very thin to carry so much valuable information and helps.

If you want one of these valuable Bibles, send for solicitor's card at once. We would be glad to enlist two thousand in this very worthy work of the Lord. This is to be done outside the dollar drive.—F. J. Lee.

MOVING ON VERY WELL

Many Are Pleased With The Plan

We think that the dollar drive is moving on very well. Some money has been sent in. We are of the opinion that the people are working at it. Brother Yates of Mt. Vernon, Illinois says, I think this a good plan, every body can help to pay off the indebtedness and it will not be hard on anybody. We have started in to raise our part, and have \$23.00 pledged and over half paid. We mean to keep at it until we get a dollar per every member.

Brother Coats writes: This suggestion sounds good to me, also to the east Texas folks, and I think we will be able to come with our quota by April the eighth as we are expecting to send in quite a bit of our quota before that time.

Remember that each member should begin now to lay aside 25 cents a month until April 8, then you will be certain to have your dollar. I am sure that every real, loyal member is coming with the dollar. Others are paying more, lest some will not be loyal. Somehow I feel that the Lord has His eye upon each member, watching to see what he is going to do.

The pastors should write to their members who live at a distance from their home church and insist on them sending their dollar. It is going to take a united effort.

F. J. Lee.

REPORT OF DISTRICT CONVENTION

November 25, 26, 27, 1927

BLUE DIAMOND, Ky.—Beginning, Friday night 6:30 p. m. The Holy Ghost was present from the very beginning of this convention. Brother J. A. Muncy, District Overseer, Moderator, called the congregation to order and we sang a good old time hymn with other songs; read Scripture lesson from St. John 17. Concert prayer, then welcome address by the pastor, Brother S. A. Wilson. Everybody was made to feel welcome. Response by Brothers Leslie Smith, Douglas Miller, V. B. Harrison, R. H. Bell, State Overseer. Several testified, and declared it a great blessing to be at this place. Dismissal by Brother John Newton.

Saturday morning began with songs, music and concert prayer. Brothers Scott McQuinn, J. A. Muncy and Brother Tackett delivered wonderful sermons and the Lord wonderfully blessed. Dismissed by Brother Green Baker.

The afternoon service began at 1:30. Songs, music and concert prayer. Brother James Dixon delivered a wonderful message. Brother Laria of Jeff, Kentucky sang a song "I don't know where Heaven is." He also read Scripture and delivered a wonderful sermon. Brother R. H. Bell, State Overseer read in Heb. 13 and made a short talk. Next was business, to appoint pastors for the following churches:

Heidelberg Leslie Smith
Leighton S. A. Wilson
Quicksand Brother Tackett
Coplen Jess Mooney
Chaves G. W. Gambill
Wolfcove Jasper Arwood
McRoberts & Baston James Dixon
Christopher J. A. Muncy (temp)
Blue Diamond R. H. Bell
Service was dismissed by Brother Boman.

The evening service opened with songs, music and concert prayer. Special prayer for the healing of the sick, Brother Boman conducted testimony service. Many burning testimonies were given, also two messages direct from Heaven with interpretation.

Brother J. A. Muncy, Moderator, read Scripture from the 4th chapter of 1st Peter. He preached a wonderful sermon. Service dismissed by Brother Gambill.

Sunday morning. Sunday School opened at 9:30 a. m. At 10:00 o'clock service opened with songs, prayers and music. Brother Jess Mooney came forth and delivered a wonderful sermon on the true light. Brother Gambill read Scripture in Thess. and delivered

a wonderful sermon. Brother R. H. Bell made a short talk on Brother Gambill's subject and concerning the State and Camp Meetings. Brother J. A. Muncy made a short talk concerning the Camp Meeting to begin the last week in July, 1928.

Evening service. Brother John Newton made a short talk also Brother S. B. Campbell gave a short discourse. Brother J. A. Muncy then took charge of the service and made an altar call which resulted in two being saved, sanctified and one baptized with the Holy Ghost. Service closed with healing service. Several were healed.

I want to say to all the saints that were not here, "You certainly missed something."—(Signed) J. A. Muncy, Moderator, Woodson Combs, Clerk.

SPECIAL NOTICE

This is to inform all the churches in the State of West Virginia that Brother O. W. Thomas has been duly appointed as treasurer of the Mission fund of said state.

Remember the ruling of the Assembly is that 50 percent of all mission money paid into the local churches is to be sent to headquarters, Cleveland, Tennessee. The other is to be sent to the State Treasurer to be used in the state. Brother Thomas' address is Box No. 3, Lester, W. Va.

Come on now brethren and let us go beyond anything we have done. Will be in West Virginia again after holidays and will pay each church a visit at as early date as possible. Yours in His service.—T. L. McLain, Overseer of West Va.

The Church of God at Ravia, Okla., wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Mrs. Enman, Mrs. Eula Smith, Mr. Smith, Alma Russell.—Mrs. W. A. Carter, Clerk.

After January 1st I will be open for revival meetings or pastoral work, as the Lord leads. Those desiring revivals may write me at Clarksburg, West Virginia, % J. C. Vore. Faithfully yours.—E. C. Clark.

We are thinking of going to Florida in the next few weeks and would be glad to hear from some of the Church of God people, as I am an Evangelist and would like to get where that I could help out in the work. I am a carpenter by trade and might get where I could help out in a small church if I could get work to do, as we could work at other work. I have a wife and five children—son large enough to work. Brother J. H. Morgan is thinking of going with us, he too is an evangelist, no one but himself. If you should be interested in our help, write us the condition of the place where you are, and what part of the state you are in. Write at once.—C. E. Berryhill, Route 2, Tusculumbia, Ala.

To all the churches in the State of South Carolina:

I wish to inform you that Brother George W. Cooper of Blacksburg, S. C. has been appointed Secretary and Treasurer for the Missionary fund for this state. Please do not forget this good work, which I think will prove a blessing to our state as well as foreign.

Please do not forget the \$1.00 proposition has been planned to pay out our property at headquarters. I surely do want us to do our part in this and the quicker we do this, the quicker we will feel better, so here we go.

Now we have done our best to give all the churches service and a pastor that we thought was good for them this time. I know there are some already pleased, hope the others will be if not yet. There are preachers who have no churches, but I hope you will not think hard of me. I am trying to do what I think is right, so you do all you can for the Lord and let us get some new churches this year. Please work with me this time, let us do all we can for the Lord. Hope we will have more churches another year and all the preachers can have a good church. Yours for the Lord.—W. E. Raney, Overseer of South Carolina

ALTOONA, Ala.—We are sending in a report of the work at this place, and of what the dear Lord is doing for us.

After a week's feast at the 22d Annual Assembly Brother and Sister Travis came home with us and started a battle the last night in October, which lasted until the 5th of December. I want to say that the Holy Ghost was there. We do not feel like making any boast only in the Lord. The battle raged and the devil of course got mad, but the victory was won in favor of Jesus and the Church of God. There were about fifty saved, a great number sanctified and twenty-two received the Holy Ghost, also sixteen followed the Lord in water baptism. Thirty-four united with the Church. The Church of God people here are certainly proud of their new brethren and sisters. I have good hopes of them all making good soldiers for the Lord and His Church. The young people are doing fine, they have services and the Lord blesses them. We thank the Lord for them. We only had 27 members, now we have 61 and some more ready for the Church, who are coming in soon. Sister Travis is a good preacher and has a message that wins souls,

PRAYER

Prayer is the key note to happiness. It is the key note that will unlock Heaven's gate. The Bible teaches us to pray without ceasing. This doesn't mean to be on our knees all the time, but as we go around doing our duties of life, breathe a prayer to Him.

Some people make a mock of prayer, trying to pray long prayers, but God doesn't like this kind. He likes a broken and contrite spirit. He wants us to be humble, not proud and haughty, and ask Him for things just like we do our earthly father. He tells us to ask and we shall receive, knock and it shall be opened unto us, seek and we shall find.

God teaches us to pray one for another. We should also pray for our enemies. Jesus said for us to enter into our closets and pray in secret. This doesn't mean that every time we pray we have to be in a room with the door closed. It does not mean that we cannot pray anywhere else, because Jesus went on the mountain top and prayed, Peter on the house top, Isaac in the field, Nathaniel under the fig tree and Jonah in the whale's belly. Any place can be a closet to us if we have the right kind of spirit, but I think where we can get the closest to God, is off somewhere to ourselves where we can have a heart to heart talk with Him as if you and another person were talking.

To pray doesn't altogether mean taking hold of God. The main point is to pray and not faint, just keep holding on. Let us pray more and more for one another. I think another place where we can get close to God is in the family worship. Oh, how many girls and boys have been led to a better life by the prayers of mother and father around the fireside. Nothing can be sweeter than a mother kneeling with her little children around the fireside, teaching them to pray and put their trust in God. So don't forget the family prayer. Jesus loves to meet you there.—Kitty Hale, Alabama City, Ala.

APPRECIATE SISTER MORROW

IRONTON, O.—Sister Helen L. Morrow of Hamilton, Ohio who conducted a revival at the Church of God in this city from November 12th to December 1st, certainly did a wonderful work for the little church and her Master. The church was badly in need of both spiritual and financial aid when Sister Morrow inaugurated Tag Day to free the church from debt. In the two days Sisters Morrow, Hall, Vallance, Ferguson and myself were out selling tags we raised the amount needed—\$158.30.

At the close of the revival there had been twenty-one conversions, ten sanctified, ten baptized with the Holy Ghost, four were added to the Church and one baptized in water.

Sister Morrow is a gifted speaker, filled with the Holy Ghost and on the run for glory. It was through and by her teaching that I became a member of the great Church of God and I ask the saints everywhere to pray that I may grow stronger and abide by the rules of the church, the cleanest rules I have ever known a church to have. If any of the churches need a revival, let them secure Sister Morrow. She is the best I've ever heard.

The following poem is a tribute to Sister Morrow.

Our good friend, Sister Morrow
Preaches the Word by day and night;
The devil at times tries to slip in,
But "Morrow" puts up a good fight.

Some call her "Morrow, the fanatic"
Says she can't preach a bit;
But when she starts in on the devil,
That old devil surely throws a fit.

She chases him right back to Hades,
The place where the wicked must stay;
Then we all shout "hallelujah!"
For again we have gained the day.

Sister Morrow is just a plain little woman,
Not very old either—you see
But she's full of the old time religion,
That's good for you and for me.

We all love this sister dearly.
Her name is "Helen L."
She loves God's Word and its teachings;
And tells sinners there's a hell.

We need more preachers like her.
We don't care how high she jumps;
Just so she gives God the glory
And the devil a few more thumps.

We hope again to see her,
Before this life is o'er;
But best of all to greet her
On Heaven's golden shore.

By Adna McCrimmon.

Brother Travis does not preach much, but is a good worker in the altar and likes to pray souls through to victory. During the revival the State Overseer and wife came and spent some time with us. Everybody enjoyed their being with us and wish for them to come back again. I want to say, if you need a revival at your church, you will do well to get Brother and Sister Travis. May the Lord bless you.—Claud Kilgore.

There Will Be No Evangel Christmas Week

THE BIRTH AND MISSION OF OUR LORD

C. W. Arrowood, Greenville, Tenn.

About two thousand years ago, across the ocean's waves,
Was born to us a Savior dear, and in a manger lay;
No room was found in the big hotel, no pretty dresses white,
But wrapped in swaddling clothes we're told, one cold December night.

Dear friends, just think, how poor He was; no place to lay his head,
And we have all the clothes we need, and a nice warm springy bed.
Our Savior left His home above, with all the angel bands
And came down to this sin-cursed earth to save poor fallen man.

He came first to His own, dear friends, but His own received Him not,
But as many as did receive Him, He gave eternal life.
They dressed Him in a purple robe, and a crown of thorns did make,
And on His head they pressed it tight, He suffered it for your sake.

They put a blind fold on Him then, and spit into His face
And said, now prophesy, thou Christ, who smote thee on the face.
They led Him forth to Calvary and nailed Him to the cross
And where He shed His blood so freely to purge us from our dross.

Ah, to think, the sun refused to shine, and how the earth did quake!
The temple vane was rent in twain into the Holy Place,
But on the third day He arose and redeemed that which was lost
And sent back the great Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost.

And He did speak in other tongues, when on them He did fall
Yes, Jesus said He would testify, and that is how we know.
The Heavens and the earth were searched and no one found at all
Who could redeem poor fallen man from the state of Adam's fall.

But Jesus, the dear Lamb of God came down from Heaven above,
And gave His life so freely for you, can you reject His love?
Now look dear friends upon the cross, the nails drove in His hands,
And then the sword pierced in His side, my Lord, what wicked men!

Now come dear friends, unto the Cross, be cleansed from sin,
And you will speak in other tongues when the Holy Ghost comes in.
Yes, you will dance and shout and sing His praises rich and rare
And when our Lord comes back again, we will meet Him in the air.

And while the anti-christ does rule this Universe below,
We'll be caught up with Jesus and to the Marriage Supper go;
We'll then come back to earth again a thousand years to reign,
With Satan bound, this earth will be a paradise again.

He Is Married To The Backslider Sunday School Growing In Number

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel for what He has done for me, a backslider. Early in the Spring in April Brother J. T. Huddleston of Truman, Ark., was holding a meeting at Lawrence Schoolhouse, about three miles from me. My wife had attended several times before I went, so after the second time I went he preached on the Church using the ark for a type, and it sounded good to me—like old times. So when he got through preaching I went up, told him who I was, what I was, gave him \$1.00, ask him to pray for me and went on. In a night or two I was back down there and God put His hand on me. I knew it was God, and to show you that it was, and that He makes all things possible, there was a woman there that I had not spoken to in about two years. This was on the 6th night of April and I was in the yard smoking. The altar service was about over with when God called me, so I made a run and as I went down the aisle from the door to the altar there stood this woman. I called her by name and said, "For two years we haven't spoken, but I want you to forgive me, I am going to get saved again." I had not much more than got down on my knees until the clouds of darkness had passed away and behold all things became new again. He saved and sanctified me. Glory to God. In October we had another meeting and God surely did bless. Just as the meeting closed Brother J. C. Coats and wife and daughter, also Brother A. L. Jenkins and family came by to see us, so Brother Huddleston got them to preach the last three nights of the meeting. Brother A. L. Jenkins preached the first night and it was good, but the second night he preached to the saints. I have been to the Assembly and heard lots of good preaching, but he preached the best sermon that night I ever heard in my life. I want to say that it was surely deep and good for the saints. I did not think eleven years ago, the night that he went to the altar and got saved, that he would ever be able to preach as he does. I wish I could place my feet under the table where God is using him to spread, and feast once a week any way. The last night of the meeting Brother J. C. Coats preached on the Death of Christ and whom He died for etc. He surely did make it plain. When he got through I never say as many people crying in my life, as there were that night. I believe if he had made an altar call there would have been forty or fifty gone to the altar, but they were just passing by from the Assembly and could not remain with us. Pray much that God will keep blessing at this place.—R. L. Kirby, Route 2.

HE WATCHES OUR EVERY FOOTSTEP

ROSWELL, Ga.—Dear Evangel family, greetings in Jesus' name. I am glad tonight that the dear Lord is full of goodness and mercy for us. He is watching our every footstep. I am trusting in His power to guide us. I feel so little and unworthy when I think of Him who died for us. I want to do more for the dear Lord than I have ever done.

Pray earnestly for me to be an overcomer and have the victory over all obstacles that come my way. I love the dear Lord and want to do His will in every thing. I am hungry for a real revival that will fill our souls with food from on high, make us all love each other as we should and cause us to bridle our tongues and be like Jesus would have us. Remember me in your prayers.—Mary E. Sampler.

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JESUS

Sunday School Growing In Number

RIPLEY, Tenn.—I want to praise God for the many good things He has done for me. He saved and sanctified and added me to the dear old Church of God, and is also my healer. I want to go all the way. I want the baptism of the Holy Ghost and to see the gifts restored to the Church of God. We like two or three having them all. I believe that some one will receive them. I ask the prayers for our little church at Beasley Chapel, and our Sunday School, which we organized in November 17th. Thirty-eight were enrolled at that time and now (Nov. 27th) eight new ones have joined us. We are praying that we will do a great work for the Lord at this place. We have prayer meeting on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights and ladies' meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Pray for our prayer meetings and Sunday School to grow stronger and cause many souls to come to Jesus.

I ask the prayers of every Church of God saint to remember me and my family in each of their prayers that we all may be of the same mind and of one accord.—Lucy Best.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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to reign supremely without a rival. When John was holding that great revival at the River Jordan, Jesus drew near to be baptized of him. There took place a marvelous revelation of God. Yes, the heavens opened and the Divine Spirit descended upon Him and anointed Him and instantly, there was great power in the Christ, which led him out to be tempted of the devil in the wilderness, but Oh, look at Him, as he has stood the test for forty days and lastly at the crucial moment he rebukes the devil and puts him on the run, and here comes a host of celestial beings from the glory world. As the old devil skulks away and the old green-eyed monster sneaks behind a rock and looks out, we see the angels ministering unto Him.

Aye my brother, if we have the Spirit of Christ we will stir the devil wherever we go. We do not have to do anything that is discourteous or break rules of assemblies or get out of divine order, but if we will stand for positive convictions, and never bow to the powers around us, everything will focus upon us. You can shout now and KNOW there is GRACE, glorious GRACE within your nature that was never there before. Men are so bound with the power of evil, that all the preaching in the world without the Divine Spirit will not move them, but the Spirit of Christ upon the ministry and upon God's people will give a drawing power, yea a hell-defeating power, a God-honoring power, that will turn sinful men and women to old time revival days of glory and victory over sin and the devil. I would like to see the heavens bend once more with another Pentecost when God would send across the worlds' darkness another great revival that would bring multitudes in touch and fellowship with the Christ of Calvary. Say brethren we must rise against this false teaching of the latter days with a new baptism of fire that will overthrow its power. The modernists of those days says "We cannot say anything against it." But today they are saying many things against it and thousands are going down to Christless graves without the Spirit of Christ. So you see that it will take something more than Greek and Latin and intellectualism to combat this doctrine of devils and seducing spirits.

I pray that the time will come when the Holy Ghost will put preachers out of business who do not preach the truth. The Holy Ghost will not endorse error, but when we talk about the Divinity of Christ and His cleansing BLOOD, our hearts are melted

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFT

Mrs. Nora Dobbs, Nashville, Tenn.

Nineteen hundred, twenty years ago
Was the first Christmas, as you all know.
There in the manger, the Christ child was found
In the little town of Bethlehem.

There with Mary and Joseph, happy was he
And the angels looked down, His face to see.
How happy and glad ought men to be
Since Jesus has come to make them free.

Far from the East the wise men came
To worship this child and proclaim His great name.
They opened their treasures and presented gifts
To the little lad, Jesus, as He lay on the hay.

As the Shepherds watched o'er their flock that night
There appeared unto them a beautiful light.
A Heavenly host, with tidings to tell.
That Jesus had come to the earth to dwell.

Few years did He live, but no time did He lose
For He appointed Twelve to tell the good news.
The Gospel they preached and did not fail
Though they were in prison in the Roman jail.

So the first Christmas gift is on hand today
Blessing our hearts wherever we pray.
So the good news we will tell, of the Holy Ghost power
And the blood that cleanses us every hour.

I feel thankful for Christmas as it comes each year,
And am glad we can celebrate it while we are here.
So happy we meet and happy we part
May the Christ-child ever bless your dear hearts.

and out go shouts of triumph that hell cannot stop.

We can have the beating of drums and jumping in the air and a big noise, but very little of God, yet we can have a noise with God, but if God will visit the old Tabernacle as of old and consume sin and baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire we will walk out different from what we ever were. This ought to be a time when sinners not only get saved to the uttermost, but also where saints get new anointing and uplifting of the soul, and encouragement from God and the Church.

"The Spirit is life." I am in harmony with the psalmist when he got so greatly blessed that he could not find enough people around to give praise to God and he called on the sun, moon and stars and everything animate and inanimate to praise God. Not only do we have in this the 8th chapter of Romans the names of the Spirit, but the nature of salvation. Now we have the Spirit in conviction for sin; in regenerating power. Man cannot get one step toward salvation without conviction. Before we can see deeper things we must go down deeper with God. It is said that while Jonathan Edwards was preaching in New England that one hundred men grabbed the benches and screamed for mercy. If we had a scene like that today people would say we were crazy. I pray God for scenes like that. You do not have to urge men to come to God when real Holy Ghost conviction is on the people. My experience with folks who are urged to come forward are never soundly saved, in just a little while they either get discouraged because they are not blessed and go away not to return or else they get a kind of a profession that soon leaves them and leaves them still in the gall of bitterness and the bonds of iniquity. Don't tell me it is easy to get to God and get blessed, men get religion so easily today that they lose it quickly, but it is only when the carnal mind is crucified that we will stand all the tests of life in this world which is so fleeting and transitory.

If any man have the Spirit of Christ he will stand when they slander him, when the fires are kindled and all hell is turned loose against him. The disciples of old marched a triumphant march of victory clear across the powers of darkness until hell gave way and the Christ of Calvary had a conquering host of blood-washed, fire-baptized, Christ-possessed humble Holiness followers.

I am sick of human performances. Oh how I long to see God come in power. I am asking God to let me see something of the suffering. In the Garden of Gethsemane; to let me feel some of the agony, and walk with Him up the way to the summit of Calvary's brow. Of course we have shouting times and I enjoy them, but we have to go down deeper yet if we are to see sinners converted to God; yea, if we see Magdalenes purified, and drunkards washed in His BLOOD, and hypocrites exposed. Whole churches are backslidden and yet claim the Spirit of Christ. Look at our revivals, usually we work the same old crowd over and over. Folks, there is something wrong. We are getting membership, but few souls are really purchased for the kingdom of God. I'm afraid we are compromising with the devil on a backsliding religion. Suppose I stand in the pulpit and invite the poor backslidden, Christ-denying ones to come and get the same experi-

ence. This is mockery in the face of God, but we should invite them to go down deeper, yea, DEEPER I say deeper than before, for if they fell the first time, common sense will teach them that they will also do likewise under the same circumstances, unless they go deeper. Now here is my proof: If we have the Spirit of Christ, the holy is dead because of sin, or the body of sin is dead, yea the stream is not only cleared, but the very fountain head is purified and the Spirit is life, "Yea, LIFE eternal, Life because of Righteousness."

Here is where the heart is made clean by His BLOOD, and the soul filled with GRACE. There must be a death to the hidden thing in the human heart which is enmity with God. Carnality must be destroyed forever, so that he can push out the side-walls of the heart and come upon us with heaven-sent glory until we are overwhelmed with God, and set free forever. Yea, I tell you we must be so purged, that there is no pride, envy nor strife nor jealousy which belongs to the carnal mind, but here is the dark side of the chapter, "If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his." A man may know all about the doctrine of Holiness and yet never know the blessedness of being holy at heart. You must take one side or the other. We either have the Spirit of Christ or we are without it. A man who has the Spirit of Christ is susceptible to waves of emotion and spontaneous praises to the God of Holiness. A man who is made happy under the Spirit's blessing is satisfied to let God rule in his heart, and is not afraid to go to sleep on his experience. The man who is filled with the Spirit of God is completely covered with the mantle of Grace and is as happy as a lark, singing with grace in his heart, "Grace, Grace, glorious Grace who can fathom thy depths?"

SELECT, Ky.—The Lord is all in all to me. I am trusting Him for both soul and body and have been trusting Him for five years. I surely have had some trials but I trusted God. I had pneumonia two or three times, but I didn't take anything. Jesus is the healer of all diseases.

I am still trying to live for Jesus although I have many temptations. I mean to go thru with Him by His help. Dear saints pray for me that I may live for Him, also pray for our little Church here, that it will shine for Jesus.—Floyd Hudson.

HAS SALVATION

It Will Stand When The World Is On Fire

MILLER LONG ISLAND, Bah.—I am saved, sanctified thru the Truth, according to John 17:17 and baptized with the Holy Ghost and speak with tongues as in Acts 2:4. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory and the half has never been told.

I have started with Jesus and I am going thru regardless of how hard the way may be. This is not a dream that I am telling you about; it is not a think-so religion, but a know-so salvation that will stand when the world is on fire. I have been in the way three years and I am not tired of it. I desire the prayers of everyone that I will stay at the feet of Jesus.—Eva M. Miller.

Arouse Soldiers—Fight The Enemy

HOLLANDALE, Fla.—This moment finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Comforter, the Holy Ghost. Thank God. Truly it is wonderful. There was much reason for the great Apostle Paul to say, "I've fought a good fight." Doubtless he looked back and saw the fruit of his labor and now his soul, being filled with God's love, rejoiced in the presence of God as he wrote these words.

Timothy, Paul's son, must be encouraged. He understood that the sword which his father fought with was none other than that which he wrote of in Eph. 6:17. "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." The Lord would not have His ministers fight with a sword of steel for at one time Peter did that and he thought that he did well, but Jesus said unto him, "Put up again thy sword into his place; for they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Matt. 26:52.

Jesus wants His children to fight and to slay, but the slaying must be sin and the weapon, or sword must be His Word. The enemy is enraged, especially against the great Church of God. I say this because of the many we are confronted with in Hollandale and I feel sure that this is not the only place that the enemy works. Arouse now soldiers, we want to accomplish, we want to feel that Spiritual mind like Paul, for we are yet in the fight. Be sure of the material your armour is made of. You need a good armour and don't fail to put it all on. Have you your shield? Let us take a firm grip on it, for it is all faith and that's all we are looking forward to, to quail the enemy's darts.

Oh soon, very soon this battle will come to an end; victory is ours. Content your soul in the Church of God. She is the only one of her mother. The early members had faith and we are encouraged to go in the same faith. Then let us love much, for love must first come before faith. Love is of God. There never were any victories won in the Church of God but that love was first. I thank God for the Church of God, for her teachings and government, faith and practices. Let us not grow weary in well doing for in due season we will reap if we faint not.—Geo. W. Saunders.

God Can Keep Us In Any Place

LAURINBURG, N. C.—Dear saints I feel like sending in a testimony to the Evangel. I want to thank God because I am still saved and pressing on toward the heavenly city of God. Bless His holy name.

I thank God for one day showing me the light on holiness and that I started to run the race. I have had some hard temptations since I started this way. The devil has tried in every way to turn me back, especially since I have been at this place where there is no church and only two or three Christians, but thank the Lord he has failed.

Wants to Stay Humble Trusting In The Lord

ROCKMART, Ga.—I want to praise the Lord for His many blessings. He has saved me from sin, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I also praise Him for healing me three years ago when medicine and doctors failed. My baby had chills and fever for over four weeks. Some told me to have a doctor, but I told them the Lord was my healer, and He healed her. I am glad that my children believe in holiness, but they do not want to live holy. Just myself and five children farming by ourselves. I am trusting in the Lord for all I need. He has said "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." His promises are true and I'm trusting in Him. My companion and son passed away over three years ago and the Lord has been my best friend. He never fails to help those that put their trust in Him. Some of my people whom I thought were my best friends turned their backs on me when I started in this way, but if the Lord is for us, who can be against us? I am so glad of the day I became tired of sin and realized I was on the road to a devil's hell. I cried unto God and He heard my voice. I thank Him for His wonderful love. I had to turn away from worldly amusements, old things have passed away, all things became new. I lived an unpleasant life while I was serving Satan; always seeking rest and finding none, but now I have joy, peace and happiness in serving the Almighty, True and Living God. I ask the praying people to pray that I may endure to the end. We would like for some Church of God Minister to come to Fish, Ga., and hold a meeting, there are no holiness people here.—Mrs. Delma Gilley.

I'M A CHILD OF THE KING

SILVER POINT, Tenn.—As I have just received the Evangel, which is ever a welcome guest in our home, thought I would write a few lines. I am praising my Redeemer this evening because I am a child of the King. I am praising Him for saving me from a life of sin, sanctifying me thru His precious blood and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost, also adding me to the Church of God, which I love so dearly. I love her rules and teachings and intend to abide by them. I ask all the dear saints to pray for my husband that he may be able to leave off tobacco and get sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray also that we may raise our children in the way they should go, that would be well pleasing to the Lord and that they will be saved before it is too late. I want to be humble and ever doing His entire will.—Mrs. Mary M. Dunn.

I want all who know the worth of prayer to pray for me to always be an overcomer and stand true to God. Pray for my unsaved family. I am glad God can keep us in one place as well as in another.—Mrs. B. F. Johnson.